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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

A response to the September 22, 2003 Final Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application was originally due December 22, 2003. On December 22, 2003 applicants filed an Amendment in Response to September 22, 2003 Final Office Action. On February 11, 2004, the Examiner issued an Advisory Action alleging that the applicants' December 22, 2003 Amendment failed to place the subject application in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, applicants are filing this Petition for a three-month extension of time to extend the deadline for filing a response to the September 22, 2003 final Office Action from December 22, 2003 to March 22, 2004. Applicants are concurrently but under separate cover

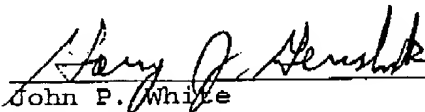
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filing a Supplemental Amendment in response to February 11, 2004 Advisory Action.

Specifically, a response to the September 22, 2003 Final Office Action was due December 22, 2003. With a three-month extension of time, a response to the September 22, 2003 Final Office Action is due March 22, 2004. The fee for a three-month extension of time is \$950.00 and authorization is hereby given to charge such fee to deposit account listed below. Therefore, a response to the September 22, 2003 Final Office Action is now due March 22, 2004 and the applicants' concurrent Supplemental Amendment is being timely filed.

No fee other than the \$950.00 fee for a three-month extension of time for which authorization is hereby given, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is deemed necessary, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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